



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

### PROCEDURAL MEMORANDUM

TO: D.T.E. 02-46 Service List  
(via E-mail and Regular Mail)

FROM: Jesse Reyes, Hearing Officer

RE: Briefing Question

DATE: October 7, 2003

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As indicated at the close of the hearings, the Department directs the parties to brief the following question, providing citations to the evidentiary record:

Clearly explain your proposed method for allocating **capital** costs. Explain the data needed to allocate **capital** costs according to the method you propose. If a flow ratio is used, explain the appropriate measure of flow (*e.g.*, average, peak, instantaneous peak); define the measure of flow in detail, including the type of raw data needed, whether it is currently collected or would need to be collected or estimated by new meters or methods, and any relevant time intervals or averaging periods. Finally, provide a sample calculation of the allocation of the costs of a hypothetical capital project in which Ashland shares the expenses.

These issues may be incorporated within the body of the brief as part of your party's argument, so long as all of the points above are addressed. Alternatively, you may respond to this question separately. Please contact Jesse Reyes (617) 305-3735 if you have any questions.